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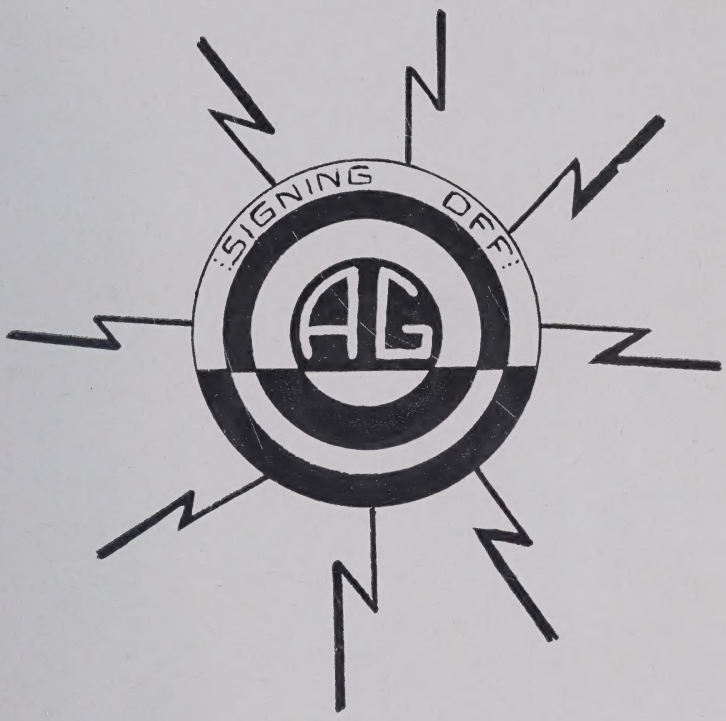
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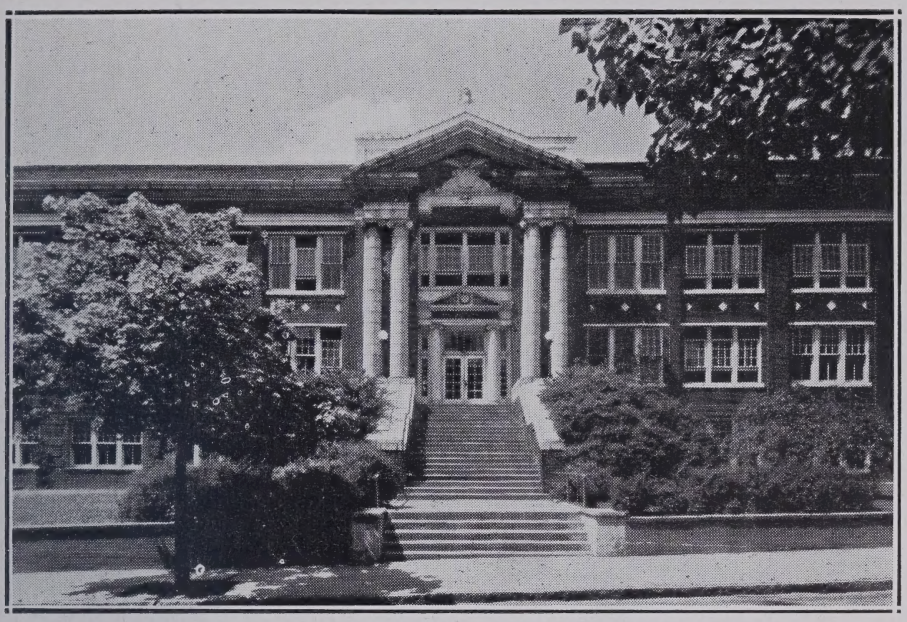
Gather round my children

And listen well;

Old Mother Goose

Has a story to tell



THE SCHOOL

In these brick walls,
Are lessons told,
    To students young,
    And students old.
Here students' joys and students' fears
Go hand and hand for three long years.
Naught can erase the memories dear
Of work and play enjoyed here.

MARGARET SCANLON ELLIOTT

Mistress Margaret,
Will you be mine?
A story I'll tell you
In Mother Goose Rhyme.

Not about fairies,
Not about toys,
But a true story,
Of real girls and boys.

How they work, how they play,
In A. G. Junior High,
Where you'll be a-going,
Some day bye and bye.

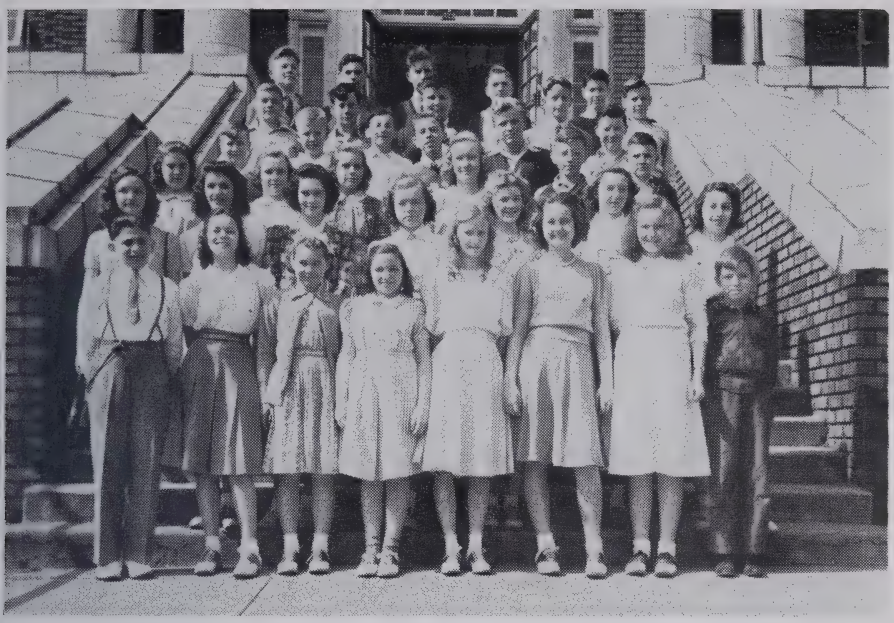
MR. A. M. ELLIOTT

There was a goodly principal
  Ruled o'er the school A. G.;
He worked and planned from morn till night,
  No one so wise as he.
And this his burden all day long
  Forever used to be—
I must guide these students — yes! each one!
  Since they depend on me.

STUDENT COUNCIL

First Row: Neil Cherry, Frank Dowd, Bobby Kirby, Katherine McKay, Patricia Cansler. Second Row: Esther Crockford, Alberta Wicker, Mimi Orr, Barbara Brasington. Third Row: Eugene Blitch, Ben Ivey, Wade Williams, Frankie Horne.

You recollect these students all,
So fine in every way,
That by their efforts and hard work,
Do serve their school each day?
They listen to our problems,
And solve them if they can;
And for our good from day to day,
They think and work and plan.



BROADCASTER STAFF

First Row: Tom Mann, Marguerite Johnson, Ruth Sherrill, Coleen Chapman, Alice Davidson, Lois Steger, Patricia Cansler, Maurice Seaver. Second Row: Nancy Bishop, Alberta Wicker, Jean Kieger, Doris Hussell, Mary Jane Love, Nancy Blakely, Grace Glasgow. Third Row: Catherine McLeod, Jo Loftis, Marie Snelling, Barbara Brasington, Bob Campbell, James Hetland. Fourth Row: Dick Stitt, Robert Hetland, Carol Atkins, Kenneth Archer, Joe Sikes, Earl Porter. Fifth Row. Jimmy Cates, Jimmy Henderson, Ben Haas, Kinlock Rivers, Jimmy Jamison. Sixth Row: Tom Moore, Tommy Stroupe, Jimmy Hillis, Jimmy Marshall and Jimmy Spearman.

The news hounds went in search of news,
They searched all day, they wrote all night;
They searched from day till candlelight;
They searched the halls, they searched the grounds;
They searched at length all round the town;
They searched and searched with right good will,
And they're searching, searching still!

MIXED CHORUS

First Row: Margaret Mulligan, Mary Horne, Mildred Weeks, Elizabeth Chapman, Monzelle Grey, Helen Scholtz, Lillian Woodruff, Betty Manson, Betty Jane Beatty, Laura Orders. Second Row: Coline Helvenston, Jean Conover, Katherine Carpenter, Grace Abrams, Grace Glasgow, Florence Ferguson, Jean Croxson, Bernice Day, Betty Ann Oakley, Dell Steele. Third Row: Nancy Stitt, Marion Tuten, Patsy Howard, Rose Marie Hurt, Nora Lee Funderburk, Frances Morgan, Deane Wolfe, Anne Kelly, Jacqueline Dagenhart, Carolyn Sapp. Fourth Row: Betty Painter, Mary Frances Johnston, Ida Jones Phelt, Eunice Eddens, Norma Anderson, Harriet Irwin, Mary Anne Edmiston, Ann Craver, Elizabeth Helms, Freida Kuhn, Katherine Brock. Fifth Row: Ralph Cox, Angelo Coutras, Joel Martin, Betty Howard, Peggy Williams, Mary Lisk, Tere Flynt, Doris Jean Ray, Tommy Postelle, Raymond Wilson, Jackie Williams. Sixth Row: Kenneth Archer, Wesley Henderson, Douglas Moore, Beverly Young, Jackie Gilbert, Conrad Phillips, Wardlaw Norsworthy, Lloyd Todd, Pat Wilson, Bill Harkey, Gene Doar. Seventh Row, Will Carpenter, Tom Morre, Wallace Orr, Tom Forsythe, Ralph Williams, Milton Vandiver, Bill Strange, Reginald Sanders, George Smith, Leslie Heath, Brooks Linsay.

Merry ring their voices, for merry do they sing,
Merry are the echoes their happy voices bring;
With a merry tra-la-la, tra-la-la-la,
They have won their laurels, tra-la-la-la-la!

THE ORCHESTRA

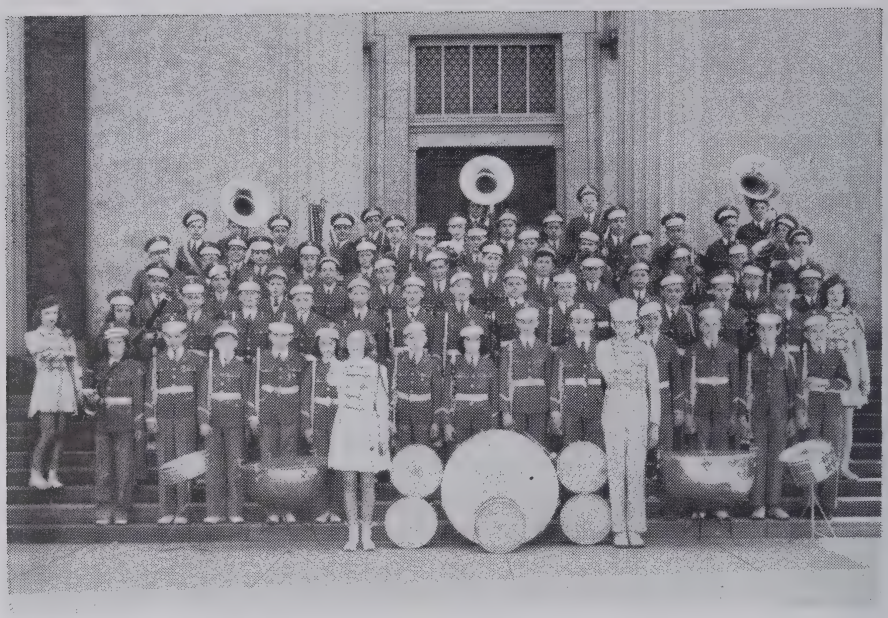
Helen DaVault, Nancy Bishop, Emily Labouisse, Bobby Barnes, Elizabeth Griffin, Roy Perry, Jr., Harry Northrop, Luther Kelly, Kathleen Hewson, Mary Ellen Agnew, Betty Lou Butler, Helen Fleenor, Louisa Taylor, Haywood Bobbit, Faith Cochrane, Zoe Smith, David Walker, Stephen Hunter, Howard Perry, Burton Epsten, Catherine Rogers, Franklin Love, Barbara Brasington, Peggy Williams, Robert Williamson, Herbert Small, Sammy Atkinson, Bob Kirby, Cecil Workman, Ernest Allen, Raymond Kimball, Janette Abrams, Patsy Perry, Betty Joy Morris, Doris Carrol, Louis Ratcliffe, Nick Floras, Eva Martin Bullock, Patricia Hollingsworth, Barbara Libby, Earl White, Wylie Orr, Ann Emerson, George Farris, McNeal Upchurch, Dick Schaeffer, Francis Church, Charlotte Carter, Frances Kinney, Bob Beatty, Virginia Gravat, Kemp Dunaway, Catherine Kirkman.

Maestro Smith
Was a leader fine,
A leader fine was he.

He called for his fifes,
And he called for his flutes,
And he called for his fiddlers three.

Every fiddler, he had a fiddle,
And a very fine fiddle had he;
Twee tweedle dee, tweedle dee, went the fiddlers.

Oh, there's none so rare
As can compare
With Smith and his fiddlers three.



THE BAND

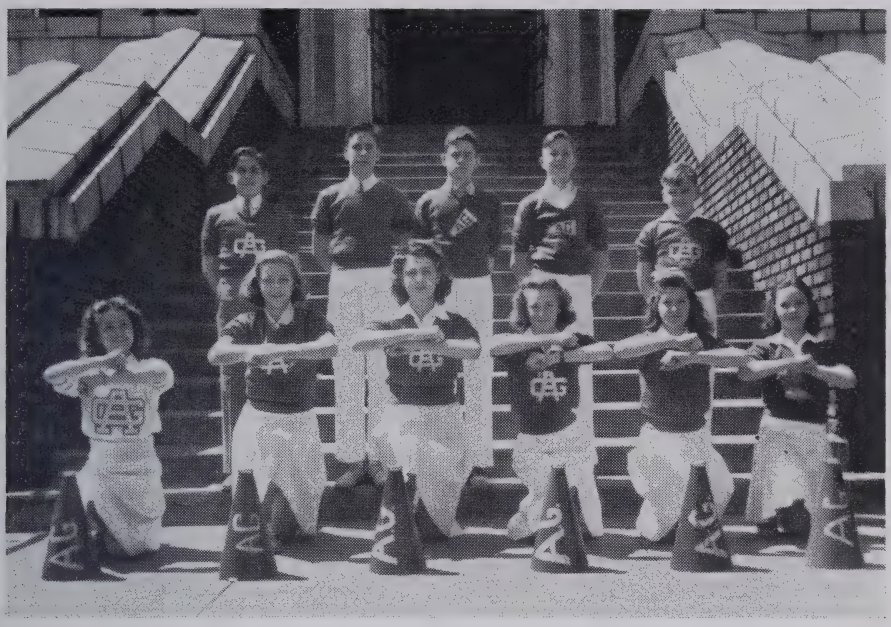
Henry Alexander, Bill Bailie, John Baker, Frank Barr, Jim Baynard, Dickie Baxter, Bobby Beaumont, Warren Bethel, Billy Brown, John Brown, Guy Burns, Bob Beatty, Angelo Coutras, John Daniels, Ted Decker, Kemp Dunaway, C. C. Fesperman, Jimmy Field, Bobby Gilmer, Tom Goode, Jack Goode, Billy Gordon, Jack Griffin, Dean Hanchett, Sam Hayes, Billy Hickey, Jimmy Hillis, Ervin Hinkle, Bill Hinkle, Orin Hoke, Marion Hunter, Sammy Johnston, David Johnston, Edward Keesler, Luther Kelly, Catherine Kirkman, George Klump, Bobby Lanford, Tom Mann, George Marus, Dan Marshall, G. V. Martin, C. B. Mendenhall, Oscar Miller, Billy Mitchell, Glen Moak, George McAden, Hazel Moore, Dick Mueller, Harry Northrop, Ryland Olive, Bob Payne, Patsy Perry, Fred Powell, Bill Rankin, LaVerne Rickenbaker, Billy Ross, Claude Ruiter, Dick Schaffer, Ed Schnedl, Kenneth Scott, Bill Scruggs, Walter Shapera, Wilson Smith, Earle Spaugh, George Thies, McNeil Upchurch, Jeanne Richard, Earle White, William Wilcox, Jackie Williams, George Miller, Sidney Rodney, Henry Eddy.

Maestro Smith
Was a leader fine,
A leader fine was he.

He called for his bells,
And he called for his horns,
And he called for his drummers three.

Every drummer, he had a drum,
And a very fine drum had he;
Rat-a-tat-tat-, rat-a-tat- went the drummers three.

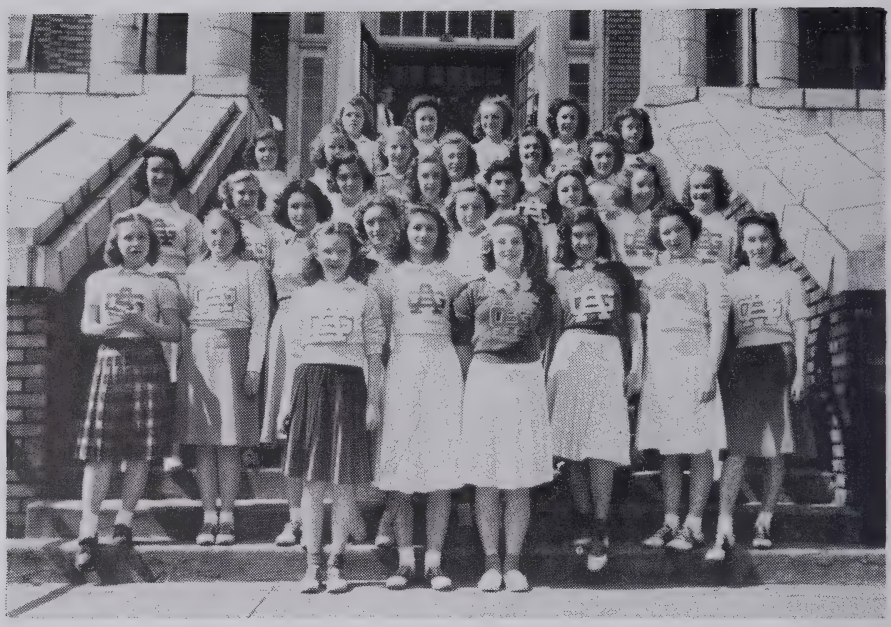
Oh, there's none so rare
As can compare
With Smith and his drummers three.



CHEER LEADERS

Front Row: Carolina Norman, Jean Anderson, Betty Rideout, Doris Stanley, Virginia Gravat.
Back Row: Angelo Coutras, Guy Burns, Bob Wylie, Prince Cameron, Dick Glasgow.

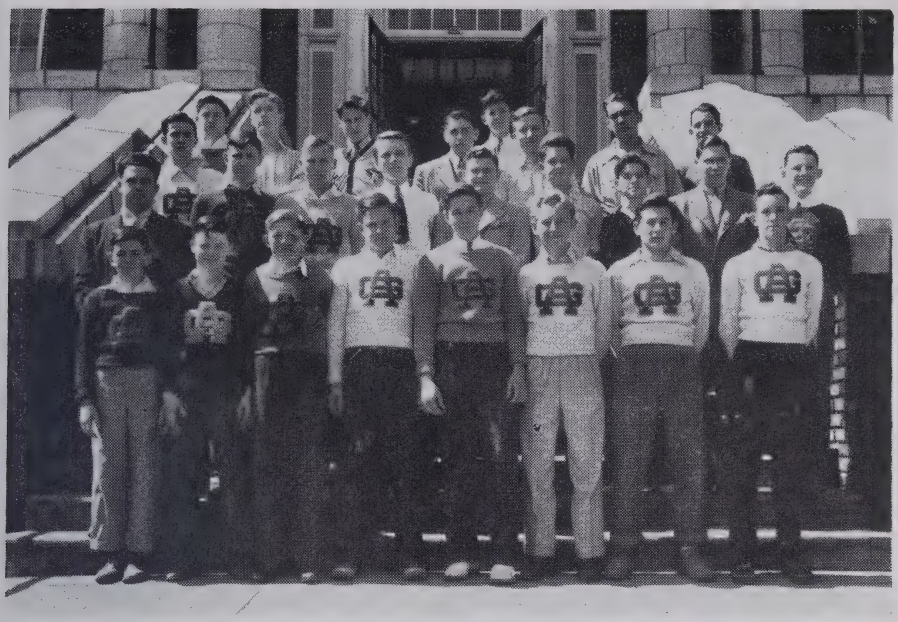
Oh, Who Is So Merry!
Oh, none are so merry, so merry, heigh ho!
As these our cheerleaders; heigh ho! heigh ho!
They shout and they sing,
Their voices do ring,
With a hey and a heigh and a ho!



GIRLS' ATHLETICS

First Row: Pat Stephens, Alberta Wicker, Travis Wylie. Second Row: Kathryn Baker, Carol Wolford, Eleanor Thomas, Lourine Berry, Nancy Blakely, Evelyn McIntosh, Margie Seagraves, Lib Neely. Third Row: Esther Crockford, Dorothy Jarrel, Vanda Phillips, Deane Wolfe, Elizabeth Goodman, Mildred Graham, Caroline Squires, Nancy Jane Ansley. Fourth Row: Kappy Peasley, Eloise Waugh, Hilda Howard, Jane Brady, Carolyn Norman, Joyce Martin. Fifth Row: Doris Blakeney, Mae Beth Owens, Billy Cross, Jean Little, Louise Miller.

What are girl athletes made of,
made of?
What are these girls
made of?
Vigor and vim, and the will to win;
That's what these girls are made of,
made of.



BOYS' ATHLETICS

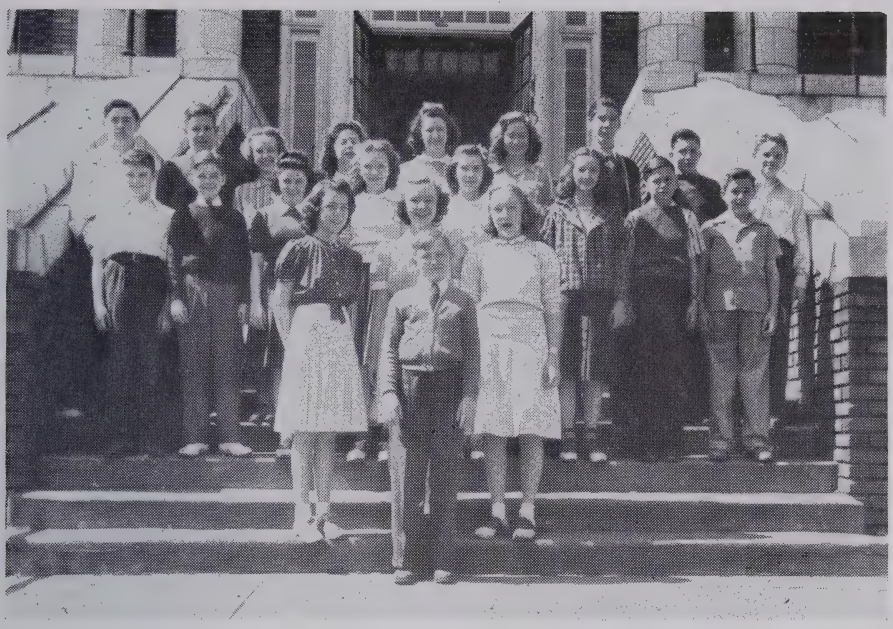
Front Row: Bill Timmons, Earl Porter, Robert Beaver, Guy Chesick, Ted Decker, Lloyd Todd, Pat Wilson, Bill Harkey. Second Row: Coach W. O. King, Luther Pool, George Hodges, Bob Baker, Ben Ivey, Wardlaw Norsworthy, Ralph Williams, Joe Schendl, Jim Oughton, Jackie Gilbert. Third Row: Conrad Phillips, Eric Jenkins, Reginald Sanders, Bill Rutledge, Jim Baynard, Fred Holder, Franklin Suggs, Tom Forsythe.

What are boy athletes made of,
made of?
What are these athletes
made of?
Muscles and skill, and determined will;
That's what these boys are made of,
made of.

SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS

First Row: Frank Dowd, Nell Cherry, Jimmy Spearman, Lynn Sneeden. Second Row: Marjie Delk, Emily Russell, Lillian De Armon, Louise Davis, Clara Rose Eisman, Edith Stowe, Katina Michaels, Margie Vickers, Virginia Gravat, June Ross. Third Row: Dick Glasgow, Ben Cathey, Joe Cherry, Johnny Kimbro, Bobby Carson, Carl Reid, Guy Kirkman. Fourth Row: Gene Moore, Lenoir Keesler.

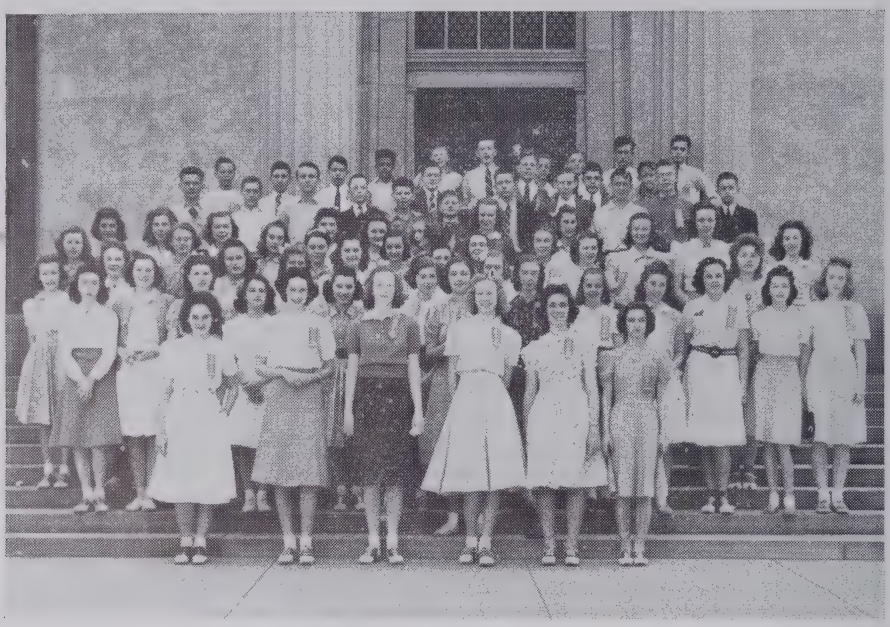
Climb dear Freshmen
Climb on high,
Never mind freshmen
Your goal is nigh;
Climb and grow, grow and climb
You'll be seniors in no time.



EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS

Front Row: Frank Horne. Second Row: Phillis Isenhour, Mary Stuart Hatch, Catherine McKay, Third Row: Alfred Pitts, Bill Wilcox, Nancy Hope, Pat Stephens, Laurie Clark, Jane Stewart, Hall Hand, Billy Goforth. Fourth Row: Conrad Philips, Guy Chesick, Catherine Kirkman, Jane Scarborough, Patsy Miller, Betty June Mills, Max Turner, Ira Donnell, Dick Baxter.

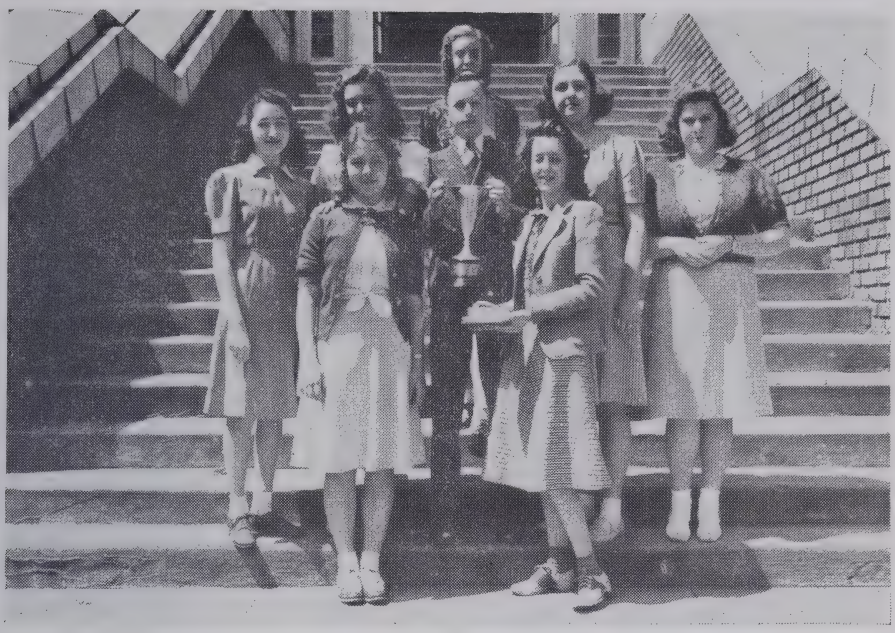
These are the jolly eighth graders,
Of whom their classmates say—
They worked and planned the whole year long,
For our good in every way.



HONOR SOCIETY

First Row: Violet Sinclair, Treasurer; Jean Keiger, Vice-President, 1st Semester; Mimi Orr, President, 1st Semester; Barbara Brasington, President, 2nd Semester; Esther Crockford, Secretary; Lillian Woodruff, Vice-President, 2nd Semester. Second Row: Dolly Adams, Lib Helms, Frances Pound, Patsy Perry, Sara Tillet, Mary Jane Love, Rose McLain, Deane Wolfe, Joan Miller, Coline Helvenston, Jean Croxson, Nancy Jean Phifer, Louise Ellerbe. Third Row: Nancy Cromer, Travis Wylie, Betty Joy Morris, Marjorie Shea, Ida Jones Phelps, Frances Simpson, Betty Sewell, Betty Ann Oakley, Mary Covington, Jocelyn Hill, Charlotte Thompson, Virginia Scott, Dorothy Richardson, Mary Christianson, Helen Ann Hovis, Ferne Williams, Libby Neely. Fourth Row: Ann Craver, Alberta Wicker, Zoe Smith, Doris Hussel, Mary Ellen Agnew, Jeanne Simpson, Irving Brenizer, Kappy Goode, Nancy Jane Ansley, Dorothy Ligon, Fifth Row: Wade Williams, Bill Horne, Ben Ivey, Zack Simpson, Bobby Kirby, Joel Martin, Frank Neal, George Farris, Oscar Miller, Raymond Jones, Eugene Blitch. Sixth Row: Herbert Small, Eugene Doar, Dan Smith, Walter Quick, Jimmy Marshall, Glenn Moak, John Vickers, Tom Moore, Taylor Leonard, Ernest Allen, Winfield Daniels, Jimmy Hillis, Kenlock Rivers, Bill Scruggs.

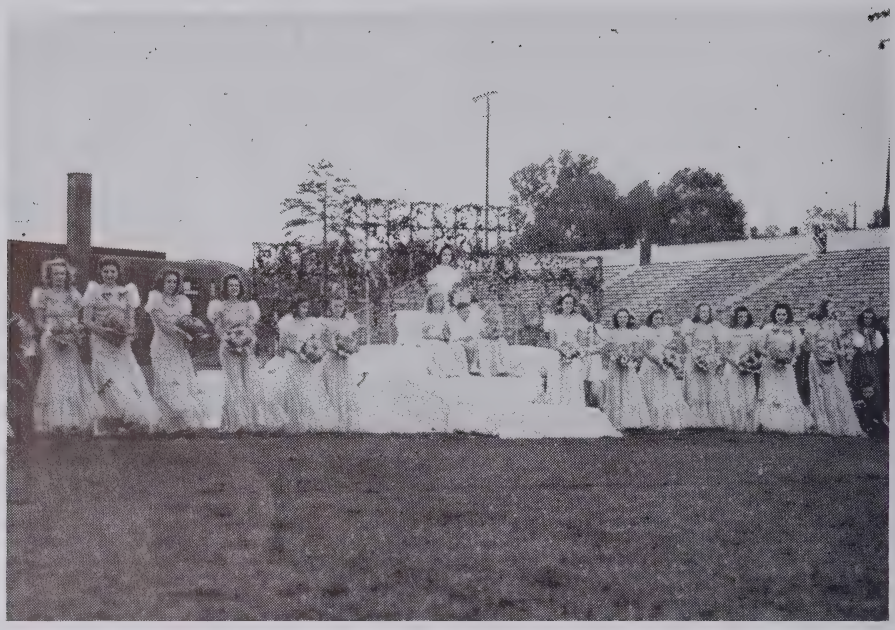
Honor students, whither bound,
To take your place among renowned?
The torch of honor keep ever bright,
And it will lead your steps aright.



TYPING TEAM

Accuracy Awards: Louise Patton, Louise Taylor.
(The only perfect papers submitted.)
Team: Jeanette Abrams, Nancy Bishop, Zack Simpson, Rose McLean, Betty Jo Oliver, and Deane Wolfe. (Won Trophy for third year.)

With
fingers
nimble
and fingers quick:
All
typing
experts
they did lick.



MAY COURT

Queen: Monzell Grey
Maid of Honor: Jean Little
Flower Girl: Mary Ann and Frances Barker
Crown Bearer: Julian Baird
Attendants: Nancy Jane Ansley, Frances Pound, Phyllis Isehour, Carolyn Norman, Lynn Sneeden, Doris Griffin, Virginia Gravatt, Margie Vickers, Catherine Kirkman, Mildred Graham, Violet Sinclair, Kappy Goode.

Come, my children, come away.
For the sun shines bright today;
Come all children, come with me,
And the May Queen you will see;
Get your hats and come away
For today is May Day.

Everything is laughing, singing,
All the pretty flowers are springing;
See the dancers, full of fun,
Wind the May Pole in the sun;
Children, all, may sport and play,
For today is May Day.

NINTH GRADE DRAMATICS CLASS

First Row: Jackie Belk, Stewart Blanton, Virginia Scott, Jocelyn Hill, Sarah Tillet, Bill Stout. Second Row: Betty Jean Mulligan, Eunice Eddens, Violet Sinclair, Betty Rideout, Mary Ellen Brimley, Coline Helveston, Pat Hollingsworth. Third Row: John Vickers, David Reid, Frank Lane Miller, George Smith, Frank Neal.

D is for drama
amusing and sad,
R is for rouge
to make actors look glad,
A is for actors
who are the main part,
M is for makeup
it's really an art,
A is for the author
who writes the story,
T is for theater
old in its glory,
I is for interest
good audiences show,
C is for the cue
all actors must know,
S is for stage
the job of each age.

TRAFFIC FORCE

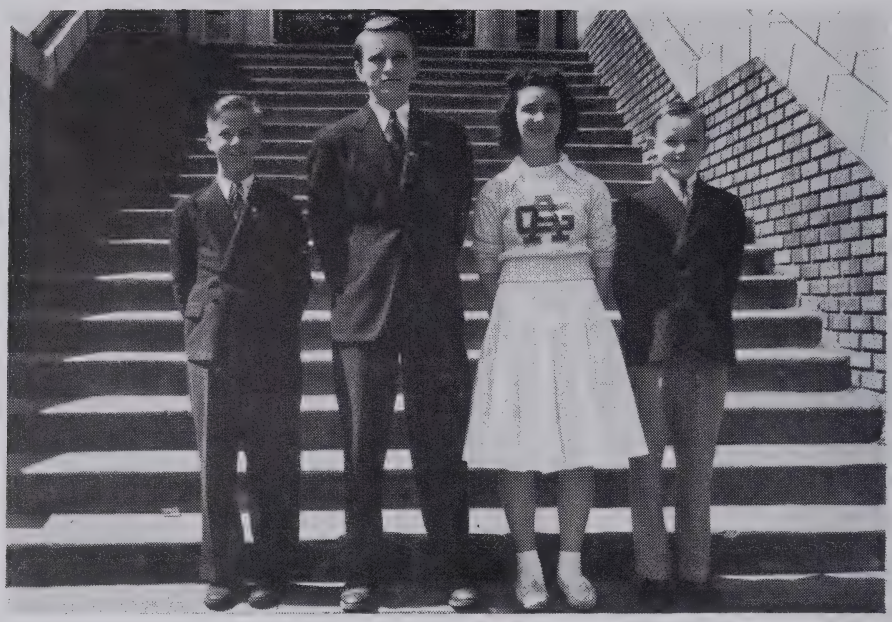
First Row: Eugene Blitch, Bill Stout, Arthur Goodman, Georgia Strate, John Wilson, Douglas Moore, John Baker, Buddy Bird, Wade Williams. Second Row: Tom Moore, Bill McCulluck, Jack Anderson, Bill Lamb, Harold Bursley, Norman Griffith. Third Row: Jack Hilton, Haywood Bobbitt, Beverly Young, Bill Fogleman, Joe McLeod, Ted Decker, Bill Harkey, Earle Spaugh. Fourth Row: Ed Smith, Martin Harkey, Buddy Crawford, Milton Vandiver, Stephen Hunter, Julian Holbrook, George Marus. Fifth Row: Tom Goode, Albert Roberts, Fred Holder, Sixth Row: Tommy Stroupe, Jimmy Hillis, Joe Sikes.

Traffic cops a-yonder,
Whither shall they wander?
Upstairs, and downstairs,
And in each nook and corner.
There they found a bad, bad boy
Who wouldn't mind the rule,
They took him by the left leg,
And threw him out of school.

MISS UDEN

Oh! Thank you, Miss Uden,
You've been a good friend,
And have carried our burdens
All the way to the end;

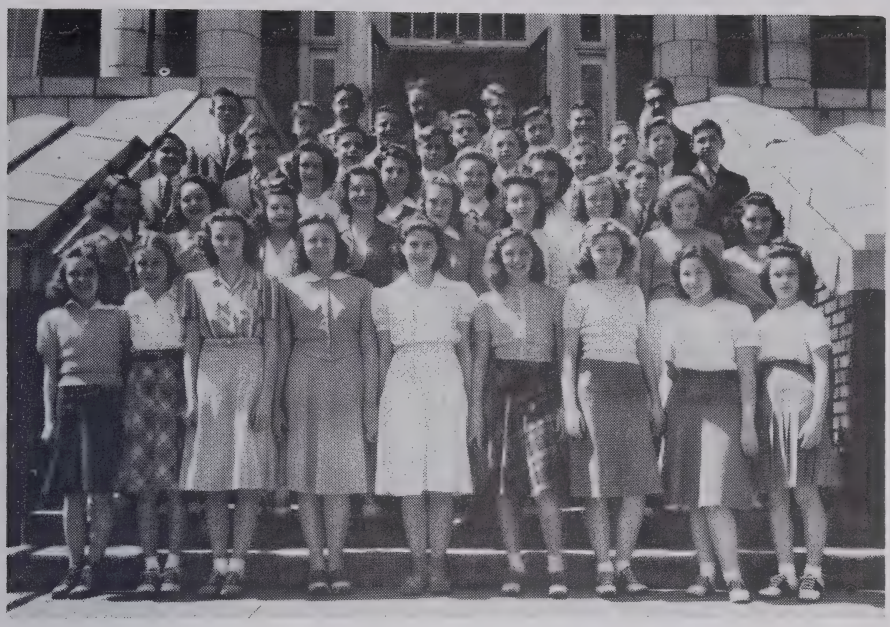
You shall have our finest praise,
Miss Uden, indeed,
For you've led us happily
And filled our every need.



NINTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS

Secretary, Taylor Leonard; President, Ben Ivey; Vice-President, Esther Crockford; Treasurer, George McAden.

These ninth grade officers,
hard workers are they;
They do all their work,
before they do play;
They have finished their job,
and a good one too;
And we wish them luck
in whatever they do.



NINTH GRADE HOME ROOM OFFICERS

First Row: Jocelyn Hill, Vriginia Scott, Irving Brenizer, Mary Christianson, Frances Pound, Nancy Bishop, Mary Jane Love, Bippy Tucker, Monzell Grey. Second Row: Carolyn Squires, Violet Sinclair, Nancy Jeanne Phifer, Lib Helms, Mary Ellen Agnew, Elizabeth Neely, Doris Hussell, Florence Furguson, Sara Tillet. Third Row: Angelo Coutras, Ben Haas, Jean Kieger, Betty Rideout, Rue Guthrey, Nancy Stitt, Louis Ratcliffe. Fourth Row: Earl James, Kinlock Rivers, Bill Scruggs, Jackie Gilbert, Bill Horne, Kenneth Archer, Zack Simpson, John Vickers, Ernest Allen, Clayton Williams, Kemp Dunaway, Eugene Doar. Fifth Row: Oscar Miller, David Reid, Leslie Heath, Wardlaw Northesworthy and Franklin Suggs.

Please to remember
These officers all,
Presidents, Secretaries, and the whole lot;
They did their work
And never did shirk
And so should n'er be forgot.

CLASS WILL

W *is for Will*
The Ninth Grades leave
To name their bequests
And those to receive:

A *is for Ansley*
Who leaves golden locks
To Emily Labouisse
To set off her frocks.

B *is for Belk*
Jackie we mean
Who leaves her bouncing ways
To little Patty Green

C *is for Coutras*
Who leaves his mellow voice
To Young Dickie Baxter
The public's first choice.

D *is for Dunaway*
You've heard his notes tinkle,
He now leaves his clarinet
To apple-tree Hinkle.

E *is for Esther Crockford*
Who leaves to Katherine McKay
Her everlasting brilliance
And record of all "A's".

F *is for Ford*
Betty Lee to you,
Who leaves to Alice Davidson
Her eyes of baby blue.

H *is for Haas,*
His first name Ben
Who leaves to Betty Mills
His artistic yen.

CLASS WILL

I *is for Irving Brenizer*
Who leaves her love of gum
To little Pat Stephens
She, too, thinks it's fun.

J *is for Jimmy Henderson*
Who leaves his precious gems
To Doris MacDougall
To satisfy her whims.

K *is for Kappy Goode*
Who leaves her winning ways
To Mildred Graham
To use all her days.

L *could stand for Leigh,*
And for Loftis, too,
So Harriett leaves her dimples
To add to Emily's two.

M *is for Martin*
He's not a meany
Who leaves all his dollies
To Sideman and Sweeney.

N *is for Nancy Blakely*
Who leaves to Tom Mann
The Broadcaster Dummy
To manage if he can.

O *is for Oscar Miller*
Who yields his baton
To next year's drum major
To twirl the musical wand.

P *is Penny Durham*
With a head full of rhymes,
Which she leaves to Pat Cansler
For the Annual next time.

CLASS PROPHECY

Old Mother Goose
In the future did wander,
And she rode through the air
On a very fine gander.

She went to Hollywood
And found Monzell Grey,
The star of all stars
The biggest hit of the day.

She went to the Court House
And there o'er the Court,
The Honorable Judge Baynard
Was holding forth.

She went to a Night Club,
And there she did spy
Ryland Olive directing
With Mary Lisk at his side.

She went to the Opera
Great music to hear,
And there heard George Smith
Singing love songs so dear.

She went to the Roxy
To see a stage play,
And there was John Vickers
The hit of Broadway.

She went to an ale-house
To get her some beer,
And there was Frank Miller
Still spreading cheer.

She went to a style shop
To see a seamstress,
And there was Barbara Brasington
Still sewing on her dress.

She was stopped on her way
By a familiar sight,
George Collins it was
Still smoking his pipe.

CLASS PROPHECY

She went to French School
To learn parlez-vous,
And her teacher was Miss Phifer
Nancy Jean to you.

She went to the Rose Bowl
To see a football game,
And there was Pat Wilson
With his team of great fame.

She went to the Office
Of the New York Times,
And there was Editor Keiger
Still writing headlines.

She went to the museum
Of Art one day,
There Hussell and Phelps
Were still sketching away.

She went to the White House
And she did see there,
Our friend, Bob Kirby,
In the President's Chair.

She went to the square,
And in the middle she saw
Captain Wade Williams
Enforcing the law.

She went to the County Home,
And there she espied
Caroline and Henry
Sitting side by side.

THE END

God bless the leader of this school,
The teachers bless also,
And all the many children
That through these classes go;
And all the other students,
Who've gone both far and near;
We wish you all good luck,
And happiness and cheer.

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